

"Lovin' Our Waters"

Hiawatha National Forest Photo Amateur Contest

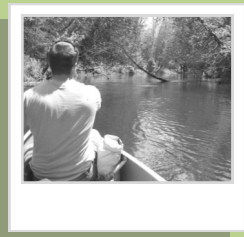


Accepting entries through **September 30, 2015**

Email photos to HiawathaNF@fs.fed.us



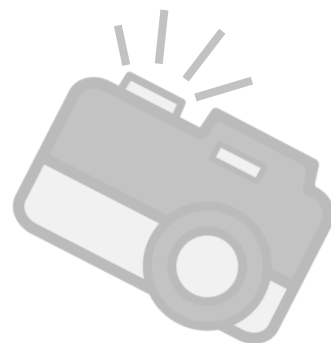
"All Natural" — This category is for any landscapes, wildlife, and/or plant photos where water is visible or relating to water (ex- a turtle on a log or a wetland plant).



"Human Interest" — This category is for photos of water-based recreation like swimming, fishing, and boating. All persons depicted in the photograph must sign a consent form submitted with the photo ("Volunteer Release").



"Making a Difference" — The rivers and lakes of the Hiawatha National Forest are impacted by many things— from aquatic invasive species to trash to pollution. In this category show us how the waters you love are being impacted by these. Together we can make a difference!



Contestants may submit a maximum of **2 photos per category (6 photos total)**. Photos must be submitted in **jpg format**. Photos must be taken on or near **lakes and rivers of the Hiawatha National Forest**. Email entries to HiawathaNF@fs.fed.us



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CONTEST RULES

All submitted photos are subject to approval by officials from the US Forest Service prior to posting. Submissions that are obscene, defamatory, threatening, off-topic, an infringement of copyright or an invasion of privacy will be deleted. Submissions must be emailed to HiawathaNF@fs.fed.us and will be displayed on the Hiawatha's website and Facebook page. Contestants must own or have permission to their uploaded images.

- ◇ Images must be in a jpg format. Photos sent through the U.S. Postal Service will not be accepted or returned as this is an online contest only. Email photos to HiawathaNF@fs.fed.us.
- ◇ A maximum to **2 photos** may be submitted in each category per person (total of 6 photos). The categories are "All Natural," "Human Interest," and "Making a Difference."
- ◇ Photographers must be non-professional; this is an amateur contest. All entries must be photographs taken on or near the lakes and rivers of the Hiawatha National Forest. (e.g. places like Grand Island National Recreation Area, Au Train Lake, Point Iroquois Lighthouse, Lake Michigan Sand Dunes, etc. See our staff for more Hiawatha destinations!)
- ◇ Submitters must be at least age 18. Current employees of the US Forest Service and their families are welcome to submit photos.
- ◇ **All persons depicted in the photograph must sign separate "Volunteer Release" forms. Entries lacking this signed consent will not be valid.**
- ◇ By submitting photos to this contest, photographers hereby irrevocably authorize the US Forest Service to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo for purposes of publicizing the US Forest Service programs or for any other lawful purpose. Photographs will become the property of the Hiawatha National Forest and may be used for non-profit publications, web pages and presentations.
- ◇ In addition, the contestant waives the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic text or advertisements, wherein their likeness appears. The contestant waives any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph, and releases the US Forest Service, their agents and/or assignees from any and all claims from damages of any kind based on the use of said photographs.
- ◇ The contest runs until **September 30, 2015**. Winners will be selected by a select panel of employees from the US Forest Service. Each photo will be judged on how closely they adhere to set guidelines for this contest, including that it is taken at a lake/river/pond/etc cared for by the Hiawatha National Forest.
- ◇ Winners will be selected on October 1, 2015.
- ◇ Winners will be notified by email and phone. First-place in each category will be displayed on the Hiawatha's website and Facebook page.

Photo credits: water lily by B. Marsh, Sault College, Bugwood.org; weeds by C. Evans, IWAP, Bugwood.org

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EMAIL ENTRIES & REQUIRED FORMS TO HiawathaNF@fs.fed.us

PLEASE READ THE CONTEST RULES SHEET BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

- All forms and photographs must be submitted by September 30, 2015. Photographs without proper consent forms ("Volunteer Release") will not be considered.
- Every photo must include a separate entry form.
- The maximum number of photos you can submit is 2 per category (total of 6).

PHOTOGRAPHER'S NAME: _____

PHOTOGRAPHER'S ADDRESS: _____

PHOTOGRAPHER'S PHONE: (_____) _____

PHOTOGRAPHER'S E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

TITLE OF PHOTO: _____

LOCATION OF PHOTO: _____

PHOTO CATEGORY (*Please check only one*):

(☐) All Natural

(☐) Human Interest

(☐) Making a Difference

Are there people in the photograph? (☐) YES (☐) NO

If YES, attach a signed consent form ("Volunteer Release") for each individual in the photograph (parents/guardians must sign for minors). Form is included? (☐) YES (☐) NO

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PHOTO RELEASE FORM 2015

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**ANY PERSONS DEPICTED IN PHOTOGRAPHS (OR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF THOSE PERSONS)
MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM**

Hiawatha National Forest Photo Release # 2015 - _____ - _____
Unit # - Release #

I hereby give my consent to the USDA Forest Service for the free and unrestricted use of my image(s), and/or an image of a minor (parental/guardian signature required for use), for the above event. I am aware that, if used, they will be in the public domain and appear on the World Wide Web.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Parental/Guardian Signature: _____

